

(Draft - Awaiting Formal Approval)
MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 15, 2010 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 20 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael E. Noel, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Roger E. Barrus
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod

Rep. F. Jay Seegmiller
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox
Rep. Bill Wright

Members Absent:

Pres. Michael G. Waddoups
Rep. Melvin R. Brown

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Christopher R. Parker, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Noel called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2010 and August 18, 2010 meetings. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Van Tassell was absent for the vote.

2. Renewable Energy Programs: Rocky Mountain Power

Mr. Loren Morse, Director, Customer and Community Account Management, Rocky Mountain Power, distributed and presented "Renewable Energy." Mr. Morse discussed renewable energy generated power through wind in Utah, voluntary programs, and other renewable energy options for residential customers and small businesses. He also answered committee members' questions.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Utility Lines Underground

Sen. Benjamin McAdams introduced the issue by asking the Committee what funding options exist for municipalities to move existing above-ground power lines underground. Sen. McAdams said that setting up special improvement districts is an option in some areas where the property owners consent to a special improvement fee to fund a project, but may not be an option in others. Sen. McAdams invited feedback from the Committee and responded to committee members' questions.

Ms. Esther Hunter, citizen, spoke in support of placing power lines underground.

4. Other Items / Adjourn

Sen. Urquhart proposed that any alternative energy legislation for the 2011 General Session be brought before a legislative committee for review. Discussion followed.

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MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Noel adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.